

Reply to Office Action dated April 11, 2011

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-21 are pending in the above application, of which claims 1, 9, 11 and 20 are independent.

The Office Action dated April 11, 2011, has been received and carefully reviewed. In that Office Action, the drawings and claims were objected to, but claims 1-21 were indicated to be in condition for allowance once various informalities were addressed. These issues are addressed below, and the allowance of claims 1-21 is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

### **DRAWINGS**

Replacement drawing sheets are submitted herewith as requested by the examiner.

### **CLAIM OBJECTIONS**

Various "objections" were raised in connection with the claims. Where the objections related to issues of antecedent basis or were believed to improve the readability of the claims, the claims were amended. Other claim objections are respectfully traversed for the reasons provided below.

Applicant has not amended claim 1 as suggested by the examiner. Claim 1 is submitted to be definite as written and does not include any informalities that would be corrected by adding the word "both" as suggested by the examiner.

Antecedent basis issues were identified in claims 4 and 5. Instances of the word

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"the" were changed to "a" in order to address this issue. The amendment proposed by the examiner changed the meanings of these claims and was not necessary to fix the antecedent basis issues.

Claim 8 was amended as suggested by the examiner.

Claims 9 and 11 are submitted to be definite and unobjectionable as written and were therefore not amended.

Claims 10 and 20 originally recited a device "characterized in that" as is common in cases based on European priority applications. Most instances of this phrase were changed to "wherein" in earlier amendments. Remaining instances of this phrase and the phrase "in that" have been replaced by the word "wherein."

Claims 19 and 21 were amended as suggested by the examiner.

### **CONCLUSION**

Each issue raised in the Office Action dated April 11, 2011, has been addressed, and it is believed that claims 1-21 are in condition for allowance. Wherefore, reconsideration and allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited. If the examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

#### *Deposit Account Authorization*

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the

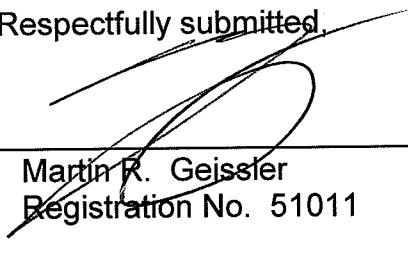
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filings of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-3828 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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